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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08500.7226-00000

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Krishnakumar et al.) Group Art Unit: 1722
Application No.: 09/994,555) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: November 27, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
COOLING DURING IN-MOLD)
HANDLE ATTACHMENT)

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 14-35:

14. A method of in-mold handle attachment, including steps of:
expanding a preform in a blow mold to form a blow-molded container,
wherein a portion of the blow-molded container is formed about a handle during
blow-molding; and
directing a cooling medium at the location of the container portion.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the directing step accelerates the cooling
rate of the container portion about the handle.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed are the following:

Preliminary Amendment

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$438.00 to cover the extra claims. Please grant
any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees
to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: December 18, 2002

By: Therese A. Hendricks
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